

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 79 (Cancelled)

Claim 80 (New): A woven fabric in belt form and having a welding portion for hot-melt welding the woven fabric to a sheet, for enabling attachment of said sheet to a column, a stake, a log, a building, or a footing, or for connecting the sheet with another sheet, wherein at least the warp of said welding portion completely or partially consists of fibers made from or coated with a thermoplastic synthetic resin.

Claim 81 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 80 wherein the thermoplastic synthetic resin is PVC.

Claim 82 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 80 wherein at least said warp comprises a spun yarn, a filament yarn, or a textured yarn.

Claim 83 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 81 wherein at least said warp comprises a spun yarn, a filament yarn, or a textured yarn.

Claim 84 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 83 wherein said yarn comprises natural fibers, chemical fibers, or a blend thereof.

Claim 85 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 84, wherein at least some of the fibers either consist of or are coated with said thermoplastic synthetic resin.

Claim 86 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 80 wherein, in addition to the warp, the waft, and, optionally, an edge thread, completely or partially consists of fibers made from or coated with said thermoplastic synthetic resin.

Claim 87 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 80 wherein the welding portion occupies only a side or an intermediate portion of said fabric.

Claim 88 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 80 wherein said welding option joins a flat or folded fixing portion of said fabric.

Claim 89 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 88 wherein said welding portion itself is folded.

Claim 90 (New): The woven fabric according to claim 88, wherein said welding portion consisting of a plurality of sections branched from said fixing portion along straight lines.